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THE TOOMBS' GUARDS

The First Company from Bulloch County

Company I, 9th Regiment of Georgia Volunteer Infantry

"In Bulloch County by the first of June (1861), a company was organized consisting of ninety men and... the list is recorded in the Clerk's office, by Samuel Harville, Clerk.

"The Company named themselves the Toombs' Guards, and became a part of the Ninth Georgia Regiment, and were attached to Longstreet's Corps. The company went first to Atlanta, and from there to the theatre of war in Virginia. They participated in some of the hardest fought battles of the war, at Williamsburg, Second Manassas, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Knoxville, Fort Harrison, The Wilderness, Sharpsburg and numerous skirmishes.

"The record of the Toombs' Guards, being the only one now accessible, is given. Out of ninety that went in only 19 are alive today. About 20 were killed in battle and about that number died from disease, and the remainder, except the 19 now living, have joined the silent majority since the war.

"When Lee surrendered his sword to Grant at Appomattox only 13 of the Toombs Guard answered "here." They were as follows:

Thomas Knight, Captain
Wm. A. Hagin, First Lieutenant
Sol Akins, Second Lieutenant
Ira Dickerson, Orderly Sergeant
C. S. Martin
General Woods
William Gould
John I. Martin
W. A. Proctor
John Bell
David Bell
Remer Scarboro
James Brown "

(Above taken from an article, titled, "Muster Roll-Of the Toombs' Guards, the First Company from Bulloch County." , by J. A. Brannen, from Bulloch Times, dated June 3, 1897.)

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Bulloch County Historical Society

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“AN OLD CONFEDERATE VETERANS RECORD”

by

J. M. Newton

Oliver, Georgia

1923

In 1923, it was only 58 years after the Civil War ended. The following correspondence are from hand-written in-pencil letters dated September 24, 1923 and October 1, 1923 by J. M. Newton of Oliver, Georgia to D. B. Turner, Editor of the *Bulloch Times*. The correspondence gives modern readers a clearer idea of what life was like for a Confederate soldier. Daniel Good has transcribed the letter as closely as possible to the hand-written letter of Mr. Newton. The spellings and grammar have been left as in the original letters.



200th Birthday Celebration

~ Double the Division ~

110th Annual Reunion



Georgia Division
June 8th - 10th, 2007
Metter, Georgia

presented by

Dixie Guards Camp 1942



ROGER ALLEN/Special

Members of area Sons of Confederate Veterans camps met over the weekend at the Lake Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Metter for a memorial service for Confederate war veteran William Rowan Forehand.

Historical memorial service

Headstone dedicated to Confederate war soldier in Metter

By **ROGER ALLEN**
 Herald Correspondent

Under a broiling afternoon sun, members of area Sons of Confederate Veterans camps met Saturday at the Lake Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Metter to hold a memorial service for Confederate Army Private William Rowan Forehand.

Forehand was a member of the Yancey Guards in the Civil War that was part of Company D of the 54th Georgia Volunteer Infantry. He was from Screven County and he was killed in battle at Morris Island in late August or early September of 1863.

The event was organized by the Dixie Guards, Camp #1942 of the SCV, who are located in Metter. They were led at the service by Camp Commander Hu Daughtry, whose wife is a direct descendant of Forehand.

Bulloch County's Ogeechee Rifles Camp Commander Deke Cox opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the singing of anthems, and then some introductory remarks. Camp historian Ted Lewis spoke about the Yancey Guards' service record and their battles fought.

Fifth Brigade Commander Mike Mull spoke to the group of the sacrifice of Confederate soldiers, such as Forehand. He then mentioned how the Confederate dead should be treated with the same respect as the veterans of all of America's other wars.

Everyone was then treated to some fine singing. First, Tarah and Haley Thompson sang a duet. Then came the Rewis Family, which sang a number of songs, including Wayfaring Stranger, Shenandoah, and Dixie.

The eulogy for Forehand was given by Daughtry.

Daughtry said the Forehand clan lived in Screven, Burke and Effingham counties. He went on to say that William's life had never been easy.

After his father was murdered, Forehand and his brothers entered service in Georgia military units when the Civil War began. Unfortunately, at wars end only one brother had survived, with William dying in 1863 and another brother being killed just days before the war's end.

The battle for Fort Wagner on Morris Island in

Charleston's harbor is well-known for the fact the main Union force attacking the fort was the 54th Massachusetts, an all-black Union regiment.

The Union was defeated with more than 1,500 dead, which some historians say could have been largely avoided if a different battle plan had been adopted by the commanders.

After the memorial service, all attention was turned to the Civil War-era artillery paces, which proceeded to fire a salute, accompanied by a line of Confederate re-enactors in authentic Confederate garb.

The gathering was brought to a close by Confederate re-enactor Cain Griffin, who blew a solemn salute to

Private Forehand on his bugle, as all in attendance stood quietly in the late afternoon sun.

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Told by Miss Inez Williams...

C.O. 1 Teller

Xx When the Yankees came through here Mrs. Maryanne Williams Boykin (aunt of Miss Inez) wishing to save her jewelry went out to the fowl house and dug a hold in the ground in the house, placed the jewelry and filled the hole and ~~put~~ put a hen nest with straw on top of the hole, put a rotten egg in the nest and an old setting hen on the egg. When the Yankees had gone she retrieved her jewelry.

Miss Inez's grandmother is said to have given the most meat of anyone in the county to the Confederate soldiers and that Mr. Ellis, (Mrs. Melrose Kennedy's ~~mother~~ gave the most of any man.

When the Yankees came through they commandeered Negroes to drive their wagons.

Sam Williams and Robert Williams *Miss Lady Moson* helped found the ~~Masons~~ in the county and when the Yankees came through Susan Scarboro Williams who was active in the Maosn gave the "signs" and the Yankees were kinder to her than to many others.

The Negroes helped bury things for safe keeping, then told the Yankees where they were buried.

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Bulloch County

TROOP C

2nd BATTALION GEORGIA CAVALRY

BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA

"BULLOCH TROOP"

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Captain Alfred Iverson Hendry, MD
Captain George B. BEST

BULLOCH TROOP

Dr. Alfred Iverson HENDRY, MD organized and was elected Captain of the Bulloch Troop on 1 Oct 1861. The troop assembled in Bulloch County, Georgia, at the home of **W. D. BRANNEN**, on 6 Oct 1861, and mustered into service on 10 Oct 1861 at Savannah, Georgia. The Bulloch Troop was also known as Captain Hendry's Company. The troop was stationed at Camp Cumming, near Isle of Hope, Georgia from Oct 1861 to April 1862.

On 9 May 1862 the troop reorganized as **Captain Best's Company**, 2nd Georgia Battalion, **George B. BEST**, commanding. The 2nd Battalion, Georgia Cavalry was commanded by **Colonel Montgomery Cummings**. From May until June the troop was stationed at Camp Rose, near Savannah, Georgia. Some time after July 1862, the troop was stationed at Charleston, South Carolina, returning to Camp Berrion in November. The troop was at Camp Cumming, when it was consolidated with the 1st Battalion to form the 5th Georgia Cavalry.

On 20 Jan 1863 the 1st and 2nd Georgia Cavalry Battalions consolidated into the 5th Georgia Cavalry Regiment. The Bulloch troop became Company E, 5th Georgia Cavalry Regiment. Many of the men listed below served in the Bulloch Troop, but not in the 5th Georgia Cavalry.

OFFICERS AND STAFF

Captain Alfred Iverson HENDRY, MD., son of **Robert HENDRY, JR** and **Nancy DANIEL**, was born 29 Mar 1843 at Taylors Creek, Liberty County, Georgia. He organized and was elected Captain of Company C, Bulloch Troop of the 2nd Battalion Georgia Cavalry 1 Oct 1861. He resigned in May 1862 due to ill health and a desire to relocate to Taylors Creek. Captain George B. Best succeeded Captain Hendry in Command. Dr. Hendry died 15 Sept 1926, and is buried with his wife in Taylors Creek Cemetery. [HOUSTON TAYLORS CREEK CEMETERY]

Captain George B. BEST enlisted in Captain Hendry's Company on 10 Oct 1861 at Savannah, Georgia. He was elected 1st Sergeant. On 9 May 1862 he was elected Captain. [MIL REC FILM M266 #14]

1st Lieutenant William N. HALL enlisted in Captain Hendry's Company on 10 Oct 1861 at Savannah, Georgia. The company muster roll for Sep – Oct 1862, last on file, lists him as present. [MIL REC FILM M266 # 14]

1st Lieutenant William Henderson DeLOACH, son of Captain John Calvin DeLOACH, enlisted in Captain Hendry's Company as 2nd Sergeant at Savannah, Georgia, on 10 Oct 1861. He was elected 1st Lieutenant on 22 Mar 1862 and commanded the company for a short period of time before being relieved of duty on 9 May 1862. He was elected 1st Lieutenant of Miller's Rangers (Company C, 21st Battalion, Georgia Cavalry) in 1862. Miller's Rangers became Company B, 7th Georgia Cavalry in 1864. [MIL REC FILM M266 # 14 - NPS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS DATABASE]

1st Lieutenant Robert N. J. WILLIAMS enlisted in Captain Hendry's Company on 10 Oct 1861. The company muster roll for Sep – Oct 1862, last on file, lists him as present. Lt. Williams turned in letters of resignation in Mar 1862 and Oct 1862. It

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RE YANKEES

Told ~~By~~ Mrs. Claude McKinnon

When the Yankees came through this section farmers who had cotton baled on the place hauled it into the swamp and hid it to prevent the Yankees from taking it off.

Customary in that day that every Seventh son was named "Doctor".

The William Williams who lived in the corner of the Rebel Road and the Old River Road was a "rich" man who came from Savannah to live here. Is buried at Macedonia Church.

Buried Syrup in holes in the ~~gum~~ ground and put corn on top of the syrup barrels.

Most of the Negroes were loyal to the Southerns. Some went off with the Yankee soldiers. (Re letter of Lieut. Jno A Miller of 33rd Reg. N.J. Vol. to Mrs. Jones... re negro servant)

Mitch Williams owned the land at the crossing at GoBar on the Ogeechee...1,500 acres. When he died he reserved several acres for its use. It was thought to be a public landing, but tax assessors decided otherwise and assessed it for taxes.

Flat Ford near Frank Hagins.

Flat Ford and Go Bar were two places on Ogeechee which at low water could be ~~cross~~ crossed in buggy.